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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant:	Varriale et al.)	Examiner:	Not assigned
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Serial No:	09/675,464)	Group Art Unit:	Not assigned
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Filed:	September 28, 2000)	Deposit Account No:	50-1196
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Title:	Method and Apparatus for)		
	Multistage Liquid Filtration)		

DECLARATION UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.53(E)

I, DIANE FILATOV, declare and say:

That for the above-referenced application, I was the Applicant's signing Attorneys' Administrative Assistant.

That I have been the signing Attorneys' Administrative Assistant for 2 1/2 years and have been handling administrative matters relative to U.S. Patent Applications for 4 years.

That my routine office practice for filing a patent application via Express Mail is to first assemble the completed application together with its Express Mail Certificate, Utility Patent Application Transmittal Form, Fee Transmittal Form, Application, Informal drawings, and the required fee. The original packet is then given to the signing attorney for verification and cross-checking. Once all necessary signatures are obtained, I again check for all the required documents against the Postcard Receipt. I then make two photocopies of the original packet. One photocopy is kept for mailing to the applicant and the second photocopy is placed into the Applicant's file maintained at our offices.

That on September 28, 2000 I followed the above described routine office practices for filing the above-referenced application.

That, to the best of my knowledge, the above-referenced application included 2 sheets of drawings (figures 1-4) upon being Express Mailed to the Patent and Trademark Office on September 28, 2000.

That the undersigned declares further that all statements made herein of her own knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; and further that these statements were made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under Section 1001 of Title 18 of the United States Code and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of the application or any patents issuing thereon;

Further declarant saith not.

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Date

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